

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

September 5, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sherwood Community Center

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and welcome

Meeting called to order by Chair member Adam Basinger at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed below.

Type	Name	Attendance
Member, Chair	Adam Basinger	Present
Member	Mark Chandler	Present
Member	Susan Crate	Present
Member	Judy Fraser	Present
Member	Timothy Killian	Present
Member	Bruce Knight	Absent
Member	Michael Lee	Present
Member, Vice Chair	Alice Lippert	Present
Member	Toby Sorensen	Present
Guest	David Meyer	Present
Guest	Paulette Kaplan	Present
Guest	Val Morgan	Present
Staff	Stefanie Kupka	Present

2. Consideration of the July 18, 2018 meeting minutes

Tim moved to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Judy and carried unanimously.

3. ESC Subcommittee Update

- **Tree Management:** Judy, Mark and Toby

The subcommittee met with the Parks and Recreation Director, Cathy Salgado. The ESC plans to support hiring an Urban Forester. The Urban Forester would complete plan review, develop standards, implement urban forestry plan. They discussed conducting a survey on tree management to gain more information from the public.

- **Energy Conservation and Renewables:** Alice, Susie and Bruce

The subcommittee discussed conducting the following: community-wide energy education/outreach and reviewing and recommending policies that encourage energy

efficiency, conservation, and green programs for commercial property and/or business owners in the City.

- **Solid Waste and Recycling:** Tim and Michael

The subcommittee discussed recommending that the City adopt and implement a sustainable procurement policy. The Mayor noted that a committee was formed that will look for ways to improve the procurement process. They noted that it would be helpful to survey the staff for sustainable purchasing recommendations.

4. Fall Festival Planning (October 13th, 10am-5pm, ESC Space #263)

Adam moved to approve purchasing candy and temporary tattoos for the Fall Festival composting spinning wheel game, which was seconded by Judy and carried unanimously. The ESC will discuss proposed fall festival activities at the October 3rd meeting.

5. FY20 Budget Recommendations

The ESC discussed potential recommendations for the FY20 Budget. Some of the items discussed were an Urban Forester position, Urban Forestry Management Plan, storm water management funding.

6. Virginia Legislative Recommendations

City staff is working on identifying issues to include in the City's legislative program for presentation in early November to the City Council for their consideration and approval. The approved legislative program will be discussed with our state delegation, comprised of Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate David Bulova. Virginia is a Dillon Rule State which means the locality cannot pass an ordinance without explicit permission from the State General Assembly which meets in January-February 2019. Staff requested for ESC members to send any recommendations (by Sept 28th) about issues that the ESC believes should be considered at the state level.

7. Chairperson's Items

- **Remote Access Policy:** Adam moved to adopt the Remote Access Policy, which was seconded by Judy and passed unanimously.

8. Committee Items

- **Judy** – A Repair Café at will be held at ACE hardware from 10am-1pm on Oct 27th.
- **Toby** – There is a new environmental science teacher at Fairfax High School. She is looking for an ESC student liaison. She noted that the free Cue bus passes have been popular with students.

9. Staff items

- **Comprehensive Plan Update:** There will be a Planning Commission public meeting on Monday, September 10th to discuss the Draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

- Pilot Composting Center: The City is setting up a composting center where residents can drop off their organic waste. The organic waste will be picked up weekly by a composting contractor and composted off-site. A kick-off event will be held on Sunday, Oct 7th from 1-4pm, where people can learn about the program. The first 300 people who sign up for the program at the kick-off event will receive a free kitchen compost caddy.
- Paul VI – The project is scheduled for a public hearing with City Council on 9/11.

10. Public comments

Paulette Kaplan– Paulette gave a presentation on how invasive plants are damaging the City's urban forest and harming wildlife. She brought photographs of areas which have been overrun by invasives. She urged the ESC and the City to tackle invasive plants to help improve the health of our environment. She noted that staff and resources are needed to properly manage invasives.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next regular ESC meeting is October 3, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

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